

For these efforts Mr. Sweeney is being honored by American Legion Post 667 in Havertown. On behalf of a grateful nation, I congratulate Mr. Sweeney on his efforts to ensure that Lt. Finn's name and legacy lives on, and for his service during World War II, reflecting great credit upon himself and the United States Navy.

CONGRATULATING THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR HISPANIC HEALTH ON ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 29, 2013

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the National Alliance for Hispanic Health on its 40th anniversary of service to the residents of the District of Columbia and the national capital region.

Founded in 1973, the National Alliance for Hispanic Health is the nation's foremost source of information on Hispanic health. Throughout its 40-year history, the National Alliance for Hispanic Health has been committed to improving the health of Hispanic communities throughout the United States. Growing from a small coalition of mental health providers, the National Alliance for Hispanic Health has become the largest network of Hispanic health and human services providers in the country.

We appreciate the National Alliance for Hispanic Health's long presence in the District and its continued service to our city's growing Hispanic population. We are particularly pleased with the National Alliance for Hispanic Health's contributions to health-related research and its continued commitment to building a base of knowledge, increasing public awareness, sponsoring collaborative networks and strengthening community infrastructure not only in the District, but throughout the nation, too.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating the 40th anniversary of the National Alliance for Hispanic Health.

HONORING LONG-TIME COMMUNITY LEADER

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 29, 2013

Ms. CHU. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a great loss to our community, Mr. Wilbur Kuotung Woo, who passed away on November 12, 2012 at the age of 96. My heart goes out to his wife of 74 years, Beth; his five children; his six grandchildren; his seven great-grandchildren; and the rest of his family and friends.

I had the great pleasure of knowing Mr. Woo. He was an extraordinary citizen, a role model for community activism and a tireless advocate for the Chinese American community.

Mr. Woo's life stands as a living testament to the American Dream. He was born in China

in 1915 and immigrated to the United States at age 5. He went on to study at UCLA and graduated with a degree in business administration. Mr. Woo then went to work at his family's business, the Chungking Produce Company, where he would often begin work around midnight in order to prepare for a full day at the produce market.

In 1962, Mr. Woo became Vice President of Cathay Bank during a time when many local banks refused to lend to Chinese Americans. Thanks in part to his leadership and incredible business acumen, Cathay Bank would go on to become one of the largest independent financial institutions in Los Angeles County.

Mr. Woo also served his community as chairman of the board at The Chinese Times, president of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce and founder of the California-Taiwan Trade & Investment Council.

Mr. Woo was known as a bridge between the halls of power in Washington, DC and the underserved Chinese American community. As President of the Chinese American Citizens Alliance, he lobbied for a shift in U.S. immigration policy and met with Senators Hiram Fong and Edward Kennedy. Woo would see his dream accomplished in 1965, when the United States finally lifted legal barriers limiting immigration from China and Taiwan. This historic act would open the doors for a new wave of immigrants and greatly contribute to our nation's cultural fabric.

I urge all my House colleagues to join me in honoring our community hero, Mr. Wilbur K. Woo, for his remarkable service, indomitable spirit and contributions to his community and to our nation.

IN HONOR OF ELWOOD RUSH

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 29, 2013

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a man who has made significant contributions to Pennsylvania's 8th District and to our country. Mr. Elwood W. "Woody" Rush passed away on Sunday, January 20, 2013 at the age of eighty-three. While his family, friends, and community members mourn his passing, they find comfort in remembering his legacy. Woody was born and raised in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. He went on to serve in the United States Army in 1951 during the Korean War era. Upon completion of his military service, Woody returned to Pennsylvania's 8th District to begin a lifelong career with Sherwin Williams Paint Company.

Woody was also dedicated to making his community a better place. He was a member of St. Luke's United Church of Christ in Dublin, PA, where he taught Sunday school and served as President of the church consistory. In addition, he served on St. Luke's Union Cemetery Committee for many years. Mr. Rush is an example of a leader and a true patriarch. Over the years, I have had the pleasure of getting to know two of his sons within whom Woody has undoubtedly instilled his strong family values. His service to both his country and his community will always be venerated.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO ENSURE THAT THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON AIRPORTS AUTHORITY COMPLIES WITH FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 29, 2013

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a bill to require the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) to adopt the Federal Acquisition Regulations, which govern all aspects of the acquisition process for virtually every federal executive branch agency, and to adopt the federal anti-nepotism rules. Significant failures in MWAA's contracting and hiring policies and practices point to a need for substantial reform in MWAA's acquisition and hiring processes. Despite being created by Congress, leasing federally owned land, and benefiting from significant federal taxpayer funds, MWAA is not subject to federal procurement or anti-nepotism laws. This omission has left MWAA without ample guidance for its board members and employees. Many of the problems that have drawn criticism of MWAA could be eliminated if the Federal Acquisition Regulations and federal anti-nepotism regulations were made applicable to MWAA.

MWAA is an independent public body created by Congress under the Metropolitan Washington Airports Act of 1986 (Airports Act). MWAA, with 1,400 employees, leases Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport and Washington Dulles International Airport from the Federal Government. In addition to managing the airports, MWAA is responsible for the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project, which has an estimated cost of \$5.8 billion, including \$977 million in federal funds.

A recent Department of Transportation (DOT) Inspector General report, "MWAA's Weak Policies and Procedures Have Led to Questionable Procurement Practices, Mismanagement, and a Lack of Overall Accountability" (Report Number: AV-2013-006), or IG Report, found that "MWAA's contracting policies and practices are insufficient to ensure compliance with the Airports Act and the lease agreement between DOT and MWAA." For example, the Airports Act and lease agreement require MWAA to award contracts over \$200,000 competitively to the maximum extent practicable. However, the IG Report found that MWAA recently awarded two-thirds of its contracts exceeding \$200,000 with limited competition. The IG Report also noted that MWAA awarded many contracts with no formal solicitation, and that MWAA's Contracting Manual does not require public notification of sole-source contracts over \$200,000.

A January 15, 2013, Washington Post article reported that at least 10 percent of MWAA employees have family members working there, including spouses, and children. The IG report also noted that MWAA lacks "sufficient controls to detect and prevent nepotism." It is clear that changes are imperative and overdue.

The lack of transparency and competition on MWAA's contracts and hiring are inconsistent with continuing ownership of the airports by the Federal Government, MWAA's creation by Congress, and the significant federal taxpayer